

24. The multiple display supporting module of claim 23, wherein the memory further comprises operational instructions that cause the processing module to receive the capability parameters in accordance with a system start-up.

25. The multiple display supporting module of claim 24, wherein the memory further comprises operational instructions that cause the processing module to, in order:

identify the capability parameters as primary parameters in accordance with a first portion of the system start-up;

provide the capability parameters to the operating system in accordance with the first portion of the system start-up; and

identify the selected display capabilities as the primary parameters in accordance with a second portion of the system start-up.

26. The multiple display supporting module of claim 23, wherein the memory further comprises operational instructions that cause the processing module to receive the capability parameters in response to a monitor change process.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the above-identified application. In this preliminary amendment, Applicant has added new claims 19-26.

Claims 19 and 23 are independent claims, Claim 19 being a method claim and Claim 23 being an apparatus claim. Independent Claim 19 is directed to a method for supporting multiple displays for drawing surface. In a first step capability parameters are received for each display of the multiple displays. Thereafter, selected display capabilities are determined based on the capability parameters of each display of the multiple displays, the selected display capabilities exceeding each of the multiple displays. In a next step, the selected display capabilities are substituted for the capability

parameters of a respective display of the multiple displays. The selected display capabilities are then provided to the operating system. Claim 23 is an independent claim that corresponds to Claim 19 in an apparatus (multiple display supporting module).

The new claims are supported in the Specification as originally filed. On page 6 of the Specification in ll. 11-15, it is explained that the processing continues in step 62 (see FIG. 3) where selected display capabilities are substituted for the capability parameters. The selected display capabilities include display parameters that exceed the display capabilities of each of the multiple displays coupled to the computing system 10. Also on page 6, in ll. 19-22, it is explained that the selected display capabilities may be determined based on a composite of the display parameters of each of the multiple displays, such as an average, a maximum display parameters, or default maximum display parameters.

This Application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action at an early date is earnest solicited.

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